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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force increased by 2,510 from June to July and the 473,520 represented a gain of 16,210 from a year ago. Total unemployment jumped by 2,810 reaching a total of 26,380 unemployed (5.6 percent rate). A year ago the rate was 3.8 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.9 in July and 5.8 percent a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by 950 from June to July. Employment decreases in manufacturing chiefly unpaid vacations exceeded the employment increases in nonmanufacturing reflecting seasonal gains in trade and services.

Job losses in manufacturing were concentrated in the nondurable goods segment with unpaid vacations chiefly in leather and leather products (1,550) and in textile mill products (500). Job gains in nonmanufacturing were concentrated in services (3,800), trade (950) and in construction (450) as seasonal factors prevailed. The excellent weather conditions and the availability of gasoline stimulated the tourist business. Local government declined by 2,500 as schools terminated activities for the school year and many workers not under contract were released for the summer vacation period. Transportation, communications and utilities had 600 fewer jobs due to termination of school bus transportation during the summer months. Federal government declined by 300 as some U. S. Census activities were completed in New Hampshire.

Year ago comparisons show a gain of 2,350 in nonagricultural employment. Machinery led the gains in manufacturing with 1,200 more jobs. Significant job losses in manufacturing included 950 in leather and leather products, 900 in other nondurable goods and 750 in textile mill products. Overall manufacturing employment was 2,000 below the July 1979 level, whereas, nonmanufacturing was 4,350 above last year's level. All nonmanufacturing divisions except construction had higher levels this year.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - 1979: During 1979 the average per capita personal income for all states was \$8,773. Alaska led with \$11,219 and Mississippi had the lowest level \$6,178. Connecticut led the New England states with \$10,129 followed by Massachusetts with \$8,893, Rhode Island with \$8,510, New Hampshire with \$8,351, Vermont with \$7,329 and Maine with an average of \$7,039. New Hampshire's rank was 31 among all the states. This data is based on a recent release by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	473,520	471,010	457,310	2,510	16,210
2. Unemployment	26,380	23,570	17,200	2,810	9,180
Percent of labor force	5.6	5.0	3.8		
3. Employment total	447,060	447,440	440,110	-380	6,950
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	80	0	0	80	80
Nonagr. wage & salary**	389,450	390,400	387,100	-950	2,350
Manufacturing	112,250	114,950	114,150	-2,800	-2,000
Durable goods	71,350	71,850	70,400	-500	950
Lumber & wood prods.	4,700	4,800	5,150	-100	-450
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,750	1,850	50	-50
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,850	3,150	10	-300
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,500	3,300	-50	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,500	22,500	21,300	0	1,200
Electrical prods.	18,750	18,900	18,750	-150	0
Miscellaneous prods.	1,900	2,050	1,900	-150	0
Other durable goods	8,400	8,500	8,200	-100	200
Nondurable goods	40,800	43,100	43,750	-2,300	-2,950
Food & kindred prods.	3,050	3,050	3,100	0	-50
Textile mill prods.	4,150	4,650	4,900	-500	-750
Apparel	2,600	2,700	2,750	-100	-150
Paper & allied prods.	6,400	6,550	6,450	-150	-50
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Leather & lea. prods.	8,500	10,050	9,450	-1,550	-950
Other nondurable goods	10,200	10,200	11,100	0	-900
Nonmanufacturing	277,300	275,450	272,950	1,850	4,350
Construction (inc. min.)	21,650	21,200	23,400	450	-1,750
Trans., comm. & util	13,400	14,000	13,200	-600	200
Trade	87,150	86,200	85,850	950	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,950	19,900	19,150	50	800
Service industry & other	73,650	69,850	71,900	3,800	1,750
Government	61,500	64,300	59,450	-2,800	2,050
Federal	12,300	12,600	11,750	-300	550
State	16,550	16,550	15,350	0	1,200
Local	32,650	35,150	32,350	-2,500	300

* By place of residence
 ** By place of establishment
 Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	July 1980 Number Percent		July 1979 Number Percent		July 1980	July 1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States**	8,410	7.9	6,104	5.8	106,997	104,995	2,306	2,002
New Hampshire	26,380	5.6	17,200	3.8	473,520	457,310	9,180	16,210
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,120	5.6	1,030	5.2	19,850	19,760	90	90
Claremont	1,610	4.5	900	2.6	35,720	34,340	710	1,380
Concord	2,190	5.2	1,210	2.9	42,010	41,030	980	980
Dover	3,450	7.6	2,020	4.6	45,120	44,050	1,430	1,070
Keene	1,670	4.5	1,130	3.1	36,830	35,940	540	890
Laconia	2,100	4.7	1,700	3.9	44,830	43,940	400	890
Littleton	1,380	9.1	650	4.4	15,240	14,900	730	340
Manchester	5,300	6.4	3,570	4.4	83,410	80,480	1,730	2,930
Nashua	3,890	5.0	2,580	3.6	77,270	72,060	1,310	5,210
Portsmouth	2,300	4.8	1,540	3.3	47,620	46,790	760	830
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA***	1,370	5.3	870	3.6	25,620	24,020	500	1,600
<u>County</u>								
Folknap	1,180	5.2	950	4.3	22,690	22,230	230	460
Carroll	600	4.5	280	2.1	13,470	13,080	320	390
Cheshire	1,570	4.8	1,050	3.3	32,920	32,090	520	830
Coos	1,070	5.9	1,070	5.9	18,000	18,100	0	- 100
Grafton	1,970	5.7	1,070	3.2	34,360	33,390	900	970
Hillsborough	8,310	5.8	5,660	4.2	143,230	135,810	2,650	7,420
Merrimack	2,480	5.0	1,510	3.1	49,560	48,390	970	1,170
Rockingham	5,000	5.0	3,120	3.2	99,700	96,350	1,880	3,350
Strafford	3,110	7.6	1,860	4.6	41,020	40,100	1,250	920
Sullivan	1,090	5.9	630	3.5	18,570	17,770	460	800

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	July 1980	June 1980	October 1979 to July 1980
Total applications for employment	4,541	5,598	68,175
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,392	2,120	20,537
Placements - job openings filled	1,378	1,433	12,914
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,551	1,369	xxxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,378	1,433	12,914
Berlin	76	95	800
Claremont	89	66	708
Concord	111	137	1,257
Dover	108	85	1,168
Keene	93	109	1,040
Laconia	127	99	1,034
Littleton	93	86	648
Manchester	176	209	2,325
Nashua	154	134	1,544
Portsmouth	351	413	2,390

*Includes Part Time, Seasonal and other openings.

Applications for employment declined 1,057 in New Hampshire Job Service offices during July, a drop of almost twenty percent from the previous month. The youth group with 24.8 percent and the female group with 39.9 percent were dominant among the active applicants.

Placements statewide fell slightly from June with Claremont, Dover, Laconia, Littleton and Nashua showing increases. Placement activity showed females had a 38.3 percent share, youths with 37.7 percent and veterans with 26.3 percent also had a significant share.

Employer visits fell sharply in July due to plant vacations. Only 185 nonagricultural visits were made compared with 448 in June. They were however higher than last year's total of 76. There was an increase in telephone contact, up 21.7 percent from June and 30.8 percent over last year.

Counseling sessions fell to 371 from the June level of 553. There were slightly more than five referrals per placement during the month.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	10,742	45,099	41	233	18	57	145	691
Berlin	646	2,782	1	2			10	69
Claremont	658	2,847	3	12		9	10	46
Concord	930	3,751		4	3	8	5	24
Dover	1,909	7,725	12	21		1	28	125
Keene	758	2,761	1	20	1	7	15	35
Laconia	959	4,012	1	59	6	26	17	54
Littleton	524	2,294					10	33
Manchester	2,264	9,509	10	45	3	1	11	96
Nashua	1,157	4,715	5	17	1		8	60
Portsmouth	937	4,703	8	53	4	5	31	149
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	589	3,809						
Local Government	12	67						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$85.29 in July.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	June 1980	June 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,158	3,648	96.2
Manufacturing	3,135	1,515	106.9
Durable goods	1,119	388	188.4
Electrical products	255	134	90.3
Machinery	119	87	36.8
Lumber & wood pds.	261	32	715.6
All other durable	484	135	258.5
Nondurable goods	2,016	1,127	78.9
Leather & lea. pds.	684	306	123.5
Textiles	205	67	206.0
Paper & paper prods.	111	18	516.7
Printing & allied	77	10	670.0
Apparel	97	32	203.1
Rubber & plastic pds.	723	674	7.3
Other nondurable	119	20	495.0
Nonmanufacturing	4,023	2,133	88.6
Construction	1,642	660	148.8
Trade	1,142	614	86.0
Services	771	650	18.6
All other nonmfg.	468	209	123.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including June 12, 1980. There was a reduction of 550 of insured unemployment from May. Women comprised 39.6 percent of the total and by weeks of duration, the 5-14 week category was over half. Comparison to last year shows an overall increase of 96.2 percent with significant increases in lumber and wood products, textiles, paper and paper products, printing and allied, and apparel. Almost three quarters of the insured unemployed were under 45 years old. Non-manufacturing contained 56.2 percent while construction accounted for 22.9 percent, a substantial reduction from last month's 45 percent. By occupational category structural and benchwork had the largest share with 22.0 and 19.6 percent respectively.

Fund Balance: There was \$79,639,111.47 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of June. Net contributions amounted to \$175,436.37 and net benefits paid amounted to \$2,558,661.19 during the month of June.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June
	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Manufacturing	4.0	5.0	6.4	3.2	3.5	5.6	4.1	4.9	6.1	2.5	2.8	4.0	0.9	1.3	1.2
Durable goods	3.6	3.2	5.6	2.9	2.6	5.1	3.3	3.8	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.4	0.7	1.0	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Furn. & fixtures	4.3	3.3	6.8	4.0	3.0	6.0	2.5	10.1	7.8	1.8	2.9	5.5	*	5.8	0.2
Stone & clay pds.	3.4	4.0	5.1	3.3	2.9	5.0	4.3	4.4	7.0	2.2	3.4	5.4	1.0	0.2	1.1
Prim. metal pds.	2.2	2.6	5.6	2.0	2.6	5.4	2.2	3.4	3.6	1.0	2.0	2.4	0.2	0.3	*
Fab. metal pds.	5.4	2.6	7.9	2.7	1.6	7.4	2.4	5.4	6.5	1.9	1.9	4.4	0.1	2.7	0.9
Electrical pds.	3.7	3.4	7.1	3.1	2.8	6.5	4.1	3.6	5.3	2.2	2.3	4.1	1.2	0.5	0.2
Misc. prods.	5.7	5.7	8.9	3.9	4.7	8.5	5.9	6.8	7.0	4.9	3.4	5.7	0.3	2.4	*
Mach. & other	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.7	2.4	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.7	0.1
Nondurable goods	4.8	8.2	7.5	3.9	5.2	6.3	5.5	6.8	8.5	3.3	4.0	4.9	1.3	1.7	2.4
Food & kindred	4.9	15.0	5.9	4.6	5.3	5.4	3.9	3.6	5.7	2.8	2.8	4.1	*	*	0.5
Textile mill pds.	5.1	5.8	6.1	3.8	4.6	5.2	6.3	8.5	8.0	2.9	4.5	4.9	1.5	2.1	1.3
Apparel	2.7	1.5	3.8	2.1	1.3	3.7	2.2	1.9	2.9	1.0	0.9	2.0	0.3	0.6	*
Paper & allied	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Prt.pub.&allied	7.7	14.2	9.9	6.6	11.7	7.5	7.7	9.3	16.3	6.5	7.7	6.8	0.7	0.4	8.5
Lea. & lea. pds.	3.6	7.5	8.1	3.6	7.4	7.9	3.2	5.1	24.9	2.4	4.4	5.5	*	*	18.6
Lea. tan & fin.	9.1	14.6	10.2	7.6	11.3	7.3	7.7	9.9	15.6	6.9	8.2	6.9	0.4	0.5	7.6
Footwear	3.2	7.2	9.2	2.3	2.0	8.1	5.7	7.6	6.4	2.1	2.7	5.5	2.8	4.2	*
Other nondurable															

* Less than 0.05 rate.

** Not published inadequate sample.

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 317 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including June 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

All turnover rates decreased from May to June 1980. Accessions in durable goods increased whereas separations decreased. Nondurable goods had decreases in both rates.

The highest rates were concentrated in the footwear industry with an accession rate 9.1, new hire rate 7.6, separation rate 7.7 and a quit rate of 6.9 per 100 workers. Other nondurables had the highest layoff rate of 2.8 per 100 workers as layoffs occurred in the rubber and plastics industries due to lack of orders. All labor turnover rates were lower than the year ago levels.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
All manufacturing	\$227.56	\$230.40	\$216.11	39.1	40.0	39.8	\$5.82	\$5.76	\$5.43
Durable goods	228.53	236.34	214.34	38.8	40.4	39.4	5.89	5.85	5.44
Lumber & wood pds.	200.03	194.71	185.09	37.6	37.3	38.4	5.32	5.22	4.82
Furniture & fixtures	201.60	200.38	187.31	40.4	40.4	39.6	4.99	4.96	4.73
Stone & clay pds.	238.90	244.62	220.99	39.1	40.5	38.3	6.11	6.04	5.77
Primary metal pds.	247.53	254.62	230.54	42.9	43.9	42.3	5.77	5.80	5.45
Fab. metal prods.	228.34	237.63	214.54	38.9	40.9	40.1	5.87	5.81	5.35
Mach. (exc. elec.)	243.81	252.13	232.37	40.1	41.4	41.2	6.08	6.09	5.64
Electrical prods.	217.62	229.07	203.04	37.2	39.7	37.6	5.85	5.77	5.40
Miscellaneous pds.	173.63	185.82	165.26	36.4	38.0	36.4	4.77	4.89	4.54
Other durable	241.92	249.60	229.31	38.4	40.0	39.4	6.30	6.24	5.82
Nondurable goods	225.72	220.64	217.62	39.6	39.4	40.3	5.70	5.60	5.40
Food & kindred pds.	319.54	310.84	285.05	42.1	40.9	42.8	7.59	7.60	6.66
Textile mill prods.	185.48	192.66	183.06	37.7	39.0	39.2	4.92	4.94	4.67
Apparel	168.34	164.42	157.63	38.0	36.7	37.8	4.43	4.48	4.17
Paper & allied pds.	322.27	315.11	315.07	48.1	47.6	49.0	6.70	6.62	6.43
Print., pub. & allied	237.16	229.77	218.50	38.5	37.3	36.6	6.16	6.16	5.97
Leather & lea. prods.	163.09	165.98	166.70	35.3	36.4	37.8	4.62	4.56	4.41
Lea. tan. & fin.	259.13	271.12	246.43	40.3	42.1	40.8	6.43	6.44	6.04
Footwear	152.86	157.40	157.50	34.9	36.1	37.5	4.38	4.36	4.20
Other nondurable	231.82	228.49	228.90	39.9	39.6	40.3	5.81	5.77	5.68

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 384 cooperating establishments representing 63 percent of an estimated 81,230 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including July 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for July are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers increased six cents in July to reach \$5.82. Average weekly earnings declined by \$2.84 as the factory workweek was reduced.

During July each year factories take vacation shutdowns and some of the lower paid workers are not eligible for vacation pay due to lack of seniority.

Year ago comparison show a gain of 39 cents in hourly earnings, a loss of 0.8 in weekly hours and gain of 11.45 from the July 1979 level.

Durable goods had an increase of 45 cents in average hourly earnings and nondurable goods experienced a gain of 40 cents an hour.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - July	248.0				
Percent in 12 months	13.0				

Year average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - July	247.8				
Percent in 12 months	13.2				

Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force numbered 468,800 in August, an increase of 11,140 from a year ago. Total unemployment numbered 19,730 in August, a decrease of 6,650 from July as many workers on unpaid vacations in July returned to work. The rate declined from 5.6 percent to 4.2 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.8 percent. Nationally the comparable rates were 7.5 in August and 5.9 percent a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural employment increased by 2,650 with most of the gain in manufacturing as workers on unpaid vacations in July returned to work. The largest employment increase was in leather and leather products. Peak demands from the tourist trade resulted in employment gains of 950 in services and 400 in trade. Job losses in construction (750) reflected layoffs due to a work stoppage.

A fire at the Rockingham Park Race Track in late July resulted in the closing of the racing meet and several hundred workers were forced out of work.

Manufacturing job losses (1,600) from a year ago exceeded the over-the-year gains in nonmanufacturing which have been reduced due to layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Plant project and the closing of Rockingham Park. The principal decreases in manufacturing were in textile mill products (1,350), other nondurable goods (13,000) lumber and wood products (450) and leather and leather products (350). Machinery had the largest increase with 1,450 more jobs. In nonmanufacturing construction was the only industry division to show a loss (3,100). All other divisions had over-the-year gains led by government with 1,600 more jobs.

Layoffs earlier in the year by firms producing parts and accessories for the automobile industry, reduced demand for wood products reflecting the downturn in residential construction and fewer highway construction projects all were factors in the over year job losses.

Nonagricultural employment is below the year ago level for the first time since the 1974-75 recession.

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls

	United States			New Hampshire		
	1976	1979	Percent Change	1976	1979	Percent Change
Total	79,382*	86,446*	8.9	316,950	381,650	20.4
Goods producing	23,352	25,597	9.6	109,250	137,150	25.5
Construction & Mining	4,355	5,122	17.6	14,750	21,150	43.4
Manufacturing	18,997	20,476	7.8	94,500	116,000	22.8
Durable goods	11,077	12,246	10.6	52,150	70,450	35.1
Nondurable goods	7,920	8,230	3.9	42,350	45,500	7.4
Service producing	56,030	60,849	8.6	207,700	244,500	17.7
Trans., comm., util.	4,582	4,927	7.5	12,050	13,500	12.0
Trade	17,755	19,499	9.8	68,150	83,200	22.1
Fin., ins., & real est.	4,271	4,727	10.7	15,050	18,700	24.3
Services	14,551	16,220	11.5	59,050	67,650	14.6
Government	14,871	15,476	4.1	53,400	61,450	15.1

* In thousands

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1. Civilian labor force*	468,800	473,520	457,660	-4,720	11,140
2. Unemployment	19,730	26,380	12,650	-6,650	7,080
Percent of labor force	4.2	5.6	2.8	xx	xx
3. Employment total	448,570	447,140	444,910	1,430	3,660
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	500	0	100	+500	+400
Nonagr. wage & salary**	392,500	389,850	392,650	2,650	-150
Manufacturing	115,100	112,600	116,700	2,500	-1,600
Durable goods	73,050	72,200	71,500	850	1,550
Lumber & wood prods.	4,800	4,500	5,250	300	-450
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,550	1,800	100	-150
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Primary metal prods.	3,800	3,750	3,300	50	500
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	6,950	7,000	300	250
Machinery (exc. elec.)	23,050	23,300	21,600	-250	1,450
Electrical prods.	19,100	19,050	18,950	50	150
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	1,800	2,000	200	0
Other durable goods	8,400	8,300	8,500	100	-100
Nondurable goods	42,050	40,400	45,200	1,650	-3,150
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Textile mill prods.	3,900	4,000	5,250	-100	-1,350
Apparel	2,650	2,550	2,800	100	-150
Paper & allied prods.	6,300	6,150	6,400	150	-100
Print., pub. & allied	6,000	5,850	5,800	150	200
Leather & lea. prods.	10,000	8,700	10,350	1,300	-350
Other nondurable goods	10,100	10,050	11,400	50	-1,300
Nonmanufacturing	277,400	277,250	275,950	150	1,450
Construction (inc. min.)	20,900	21,650	24,000	-750	-3,100
Trans., comm. & util	13,450	13,400	13,250	50	200
Trade	87,550	87,150	86,250	400	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	20,050	19,950	19,100	100	950
Service industry & other	74,600	73,650	74,100	950	500
Government	60,850	61,450	59,250	-600	1,600
Federal	12,100	12,450	11,750	-350	350
State	15,900	16,350	15,150	-450	750
Local	32,850	32,650	32,350	200	500

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	August 1980		August 1979		August 1980	1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States***	8,011	7.5	6,137	5.9	106,126	104,363	1,874	1,763
New Hampshire	19,730	4.2	12,650	2.8	468,800	457,660	7,080	11,140
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	750	3.8	850	4.3	19,800	19,990	- 100	- 190
Claremont	1,360	3.8	1,090	3.1	35,500	34,840	270	660
Concord	1,400	3.4	880	2.1	41,440	41,220	520	220
Dover	2,460	5.5	1,420	3.2	44,920	44,360	1,040	560
Keene	1,370	3.7	790	2.2	37,160	36,470	580	690
Laconia	1,600	3.6	1,300	3.0	44,630	43,820	300	810
Littleton	750	5.1	590	4.0	14,670	14,640	160	30
Manchester	3,660	4.5	2,070	2.6	81,480	79,450	1,590	2,030
Nashua	2,990	3.8	1,750	2.4	77,710	72,220	1,240	5,490
Portsmouth	2,190	4.7	1,120	2.4	46,340	46,510	1,070	- 170
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	1,200	4.8	790	3.3	25,150	24,140	410	1,010
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	820	3.6	690	3.1	22,490	22,120	130	370
Carroll	450	3.3	240	1.8	13,470	13,220	210	250
Cheshire	1,260	3.8	720	2.2	33,170	32,530	540	640
Coos	690	3.9	840	4.6	17,860	18,110	- 150	- 250
Grafton	1,340	4.0	1,090	3.3	33,850	33,440	250	410
Hillsborough	6,020	4.2	3,450	2.6	142,170	135,050	2,570	7,120
Merrimack	1,730	3.5	1,150	2.4	49,030	48,570	580	460
Rockingham	4,390	4.5	2,440	2.5	97,600	96,230	1,950	1,370
Strafford	2,140	5.2	1,320	3.3	40,770	40,390	820	380
Sullivan	890	4.8	710	3.9	18,390	18,000	180	390

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

*** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

Employment Service Activity

Item	August 1980	July 1980	October 1979 to August 1980
Total applications for employment	3,641	4,541	71,816
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,574	2,392	23,430
Placements - job openings filled	1,493	1,378	14,707
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,832	1,551	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,493	1,378	14,707
Berlin	83	76	883
Claremont	75	89	783
Concord	114	111	1,371
Dover	176	108	1,344
Keene	136	93	1,176
Laconia	123	127	1,157
Littleton	95	93	743
Manchester	213	176	2,538
Nashua	158	154	1,702
Portsmouth	320	351	2,710

*Includes Part Time, Seasonal and other openings.

Applicants for employment registered by New Hampshire Job Service offices continued to fall in August declining 900 from the previous month and totalling almost 2,000 since June. Among the active applicants, women with 38.8 percent, veterans with 21.9 percent and the youth group with 21.3 percent were the dominant groups.

Placements in August exceeded the July totals with 1,493 applicants successfully placed. Increases occurred in Concord, Dover, Keene, Littleton, Manchester and Nashua. Placements were proportionate to applicants with 37.2 percent female followed by 30.1 percent veterans and 31.6 percent youth.

Employer visits picked up during August with 212, up 27 from July. Compared with last year visits were up 5.

Referrals increased over last year with most local offices showing gains led by Nashua, up approximately forty percent. Conversely, Rochester with 82.7 percent and Concord with 25.8 percent registered significant losses.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,862	32,981	17	144	17	41	74	537
Berlin	198	1,837	0	1	0	0	4	36
Claremont	251	2,044	1	9	2	8	7	37
Concord	402	2,642	2	2	6	6	7	31
Dover	812	4,677	3	12	0	1	14	79
Keene	275	2,143	1	7	0	2	5	44
Laconia	539	3,003	3	18	5	21	5	58
Littleton	152	1,531	0	0	0	1	2	35
Manchester	1,184	7,685	1	24	2	2	10	42
Nashua	502	3,537	4	13	2	0	9	62
Portsmouth	547	3,882	2	58	0	0	11	113
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	442	3,454						
Local Government	14	55						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$87.76 in August.

Private Industry Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance - 1979

Industry	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wages
Total - all industries	318,766	\$3,537,373,910	\$213.40
Manufacturing	116,494	1,496,782,374	247.09
Durable goods	71,137	961,928,208	260.04
Electrical products	18,610	224,230,938	252.38
Machinery	21,233	326,610,148	295.81
Lumber & wood pds.	5,267	55,020,573	200.89
All other durable	26,027	336,066,549	248.31
Nondurable goods	45,357	534,854,166	226.77
Leather & lea. pds.	10,239	91,113,221	171.13
Textiles	5,257	56,773,014	207.68
Paper & allied	6,354	103,824,351	314.23
Printing, pub., & allied	6,027	72,097,884	230.05
Apparel	2,800	23,984,885	164.73
Rubber	11,632	143,058,480	236.51
Other nondurable	3,048	49,002,331	309.17
Nonmanufacturing	202,272	2,040,591,536	194.01
Construction	21,336	294,508,735	265.45
Trade	83,913	716,619,887	164.23
Services & other	65,332	607,046,504	178.69
All other nonmfg.	31,691	422,416,410	256.33

FUND BALANCE: There was \$79,905,022.23 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of July. Receipts for July amounted to \$3,366,541.72 and benefit payments amounted to \$3,100,630.96.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Manufacturing	5.6	4.1	6.1	2.8	3.3	4.5	6.2	4.1	7.4	2.2	2.5	3.5	3.2	0.9	3.1
Durable goods	3.4	3.5	4.7	3.2	2.8	3.5	4.2	3.3	6.4	1.7	2.0	2.8	1.9	0.6	3.1
Lmbr. & wood pds.**															
Furn. & fixtures	3.4	4.3	13.4	3.1	4.0	3.6	12.2	2.5	18.5	2.7	1.8	3.5	8.7	*	13.8
Stone & clay pds.	4.2	4.1	2.3	3.8	4.0	2.1	4.4	4.6	8.0	3.2	2.4	3.3	0.5	0.9	3.8
Prim. metal pds.	1.3	2.1	5.6	1.1	1.9	5.1	3.0	2.2	3.5	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.4	0.2	0.5
Fab. metal pds.	4.0	5.4	5.5	3.1	2.7	4.9	4.8	2.4	10.8	2.0	1.9	3.5	2.1	0.1	6.4
Electrical pds.	5.8	3.7	7.5	1.8	3.1	4.8	6.3	4.1	6.4	1.9	2.2	3.2	3.9	1.2	2.5
Misc. prods.	6.7	5.7	8.4	5.8	4.0	7.8	7.3	6.0	11.7	4.2	5.0	6.7	1.2	0.3	2.6
Mach. & other	1.6	2.9	3.0	1.2	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.9	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.7
Nondurable goods	7.9	5.1	8.5	3.7	4.1	6.3	9.7	5.5	9.2	3.2	3.2	4.7	5.5	1.4	3.2
Food & kindred	4.8	8.1	7.5	4.5	7.9	7.1	8.1	3.8	8.4	3.8	2.8	4.0	3.7	0.2	3.8
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.8	5.7	7.4	3.7	3.8	5.7	6.8	6.3	13.3	3.3	2.9	5.1	1.9	1.6	6.1
Paper & allied	4.6	2.8	2.7	0.9	2.2	2.6	7.5	2.3	2.9	0.6	1.1	2.1	6.5	0.3	0.2
Prt.pub.&allied**															
Lea. & lea. pds.	16.1	7.7	11.4	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.9	7.7	19.2	6.1	6.5	7.0	10.6	0.7	11.5
Lea. tan & fin.	17.9	3.6	9.6	3.1	3.6	9.6	5.0	3.2	5.3	3.8	2.4	4.5	20.1	*	*
Footwear	17.8	9.1	12.1	9.7	7.6	6.5	7.6	7.7	21.8	7.7	6.9	7.6	8.6	0.4	13.6
Other nondurable	6.7	3.2	8.0	2.5	2.3	7.4	7.7	5.7	6.3	2.6	2.1	4.7	4.2	2.9	0.5

* Less than 0.05 rate.

** Not published inadequate sample.

The foregoing data on labor turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 382 cooperating establishments representing 64 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including August 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

Turnover rates for July 1980 compared with the previous month generally reflected increases, especially separations. Durables showed a slight drop in accessions while separations rose, whereas nondurables showed substantial increases in both.

Leather tanning and finishing and footwear again had the highest accession rates with 17.9 and 17.8 respectively. Separations were strongest in furniture and fixtures (12.2) and food and kindred (8.1). Leather, tanning and finishing products headed the layoffs with 20.1 percent.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979
All manufacturing	\$231.28	\$229.32	\$218.83	39.4	39.0	40.3	\$5.87	\$5.88	\$5.43
Durable goods	235.62	231.07	220.15	39.6	38.9	40.1	5.95	5.94	5.49
Lumber & wood pds.	200.74	205.47	189.24	36.9	37.7	38.7	5.44	5.45	4.89
Furniture & fixtures	199.13	200.90	197.62	41.4	41.0	41.0	4.81	4.90	4.82
Stone & clay pds.	237.41	235.62	235.42	39.7	39.6	40.8	5.98	5.95	5.77
Primary metal pds.	248.67	249.68	245.96	42.8	42.9	44.0	5.81	5.82	5.59
Fab. metal prods.	242.02	230.49	220.45	41.8	39.9	40.9	5.79	5.91	5.39
Mach. (exc. elec.)	247.82	242.80	240.29	40.1	40.0	41.5	6.18	6.07	5.79
Electrical prods.	226.53	220.97	206.21	38.2	37.2	38.4	5.93	5.94	5.37
Miscellaneous pds.	177.10	170.14	169.93	37.6	36.2	38.1	4.71	4.70	4.46
Other durable	253.62	248.83	227.36	39.2	38.4	39.2	6.47	6.48	5.80
Nondurable goods	224.04	226.18	216.27	39.1	39.2	40.5	5.73	5.77	5.34
Food & kindred pds.	317.05	316.76	275.33	42.5	41.9	42.1	7.46	7.56	6.54
Textile mill prods.	196.33	184.50	180.18	38.8	37.5	39.6	5.06	4.92	4.55
Apparel	165.31	168.34	150.82	37.4	38.0	37.8	4.42	4.43	3.99
Paper & allied pds.	318.47	317.62	326.85	45.6	45.7	49.9	6.99	6.95	6.55
Print., pub. & allied	234.47	240.03	245.83	37.1	37.8	40.3	6.32	6.35	6.10
Leather & lea. prods.	163.96	163.09	161.45	35.8	35.3	37.2	4.58	4.62	4.34
Lea. tan. & fin.	270.06	259.13	237.37	42.0	40.3	39.3	6.43	6.43	6.04
Footwear	155.49	153.56	153.55	35.5	34.9	37.0	4.38	4.40	4.15
Other nondurable	234.63	236.59	222.64	39.7	40.1	39.9	5.91	5.90	5.58

The foregoing data on hours and earnings area a weighted series based on reports from 382 cooperating establishments representing 64 percent of an estimated 84,370 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including August 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for August are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings dropped slightly in August to reach \$5.87. An increase of 0.4 hour in the factory workweek, however, made possible a \$1.96 rise in average weekly earnings. Compared with last year, hourly earnings rose 44 cents resulting in a \$12.45 gain in weekly wages in spite of a loss of 0.9 hour in average weekly hours.

Over-the-year durables rose 46 cents per hour while nondurables showed a 39 cent increase.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - August	249.6				
Percent in 12 months	12.7				

Year average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - August	249.4
Percent in 12 months	12.8

Year average	217.4	195.4
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7

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